

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

determining based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed on a client system, whether to provide information browsing assistance for the first information page, said determining including analyzing ~~the content~~ a pattern of the locator of the first information page to determine whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies information of the first information page, the analyzing including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns; and

conditionally providing said information browsing assistance based at least in part on said determination, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein
said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL);
said pre-specified locator pattern is a pre-specified URL pattern, and said determining comprises analyzing whether said URL satisfies the pre-specified URL pattern.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein
said pre-specified URL pattern comprises a URL pattern abstracting a plurality of
URLs of the plurality of locations having information that amplifies the information of the
first information page; and
said analysis comprises matching said URL against a plurality of URL patterns.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein
each URL pattern comprises a plurality of portions correspondingly stored in a
plurality of nodes of a tree data structure, with the plurality of nodes having a child leaf node
specifying information browsing assistance to be provided; and
said matching comprises traversing said tree data structure.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising downloading said
tree data structure from a server system onto said client system.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising downloading said
URL patterns and their corresponding information browsing assistance specifications from a
server system onto said client system.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said information browsing assistance
comprises displaying a second information page.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said second information page effectively
replaces said first information page.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said second information page is
additionally displayed complementing said first information page.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said second information page comprises the ~~abstracted~~ additional locators and/or the additional information.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said information browsing assistance comprises modifying one or more environment attributes of the browsing environment within which said determining and conditional provision of information browsing assistance are performed.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said one or more environment attributes comprise one or more of a display resolution attribute, a color resolution attribute, a font selection attribute, a media player preference attribute, an add-on selection attribute, and a plug-in selection attribute.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a request to retrieve and display said first information page, said request including said locator.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

in response to said receiving, notifying a monitor function of a browser helper of said receiving; and

said monitor function, in response to receipt of said notification, notifying an analyzer function of said browser helper, which performs said determining and conditional provision of information browsing assistance.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising executing said monitor function as an extension of a browser, and executing said analyzer function external to said browser.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
storage medium having stored therein executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to:

determine, based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed, whether to provide information browsing assistance for the first information page, including to analyze the content for a pattern of the locator of the first information page to ascertain whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies information of the first information page, the analyzing including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns; and

conditionally provide said information browsing assistance based at least in part on said determination, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information; and
at least one processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the executable instructions.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein
said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL); and
said pre-specified locator pattern is a pre-specified URL pattern and said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to determine whether to provide information browsing assistances comprise instructions designed to enable the apparatus to analyze whether said URL satisfies the pre-specified URL pattern.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein
said pre-specified URL pattern comprises a URL pattern abstracting a plurality of URLs of the plurality of locations having information that amplifies the information of the first information page; and
said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to analyze whether said URL satisfies a pre-specified URL pattern comprise instructions designed to enable the apparatus to match said URL against a plurality of URL patterns.
24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein
each URL pattern comprises a plurality of portions correspondingly stored in a plurality of nodes of a tree data structure, with the plurality of nodes having a child leaf node specifying information browsing assistance to be provided; and
said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to match said URL against a plurality of URL patterns comprise instructions designed to enable the apparatus to traverse said tree data structure.
25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to provide said information browsing assistance include instructions designed to enable the apparatus to display a second information page.
26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to display said second information page include instructions designed to enable the apparatus to display said second information page in a manner that effectively replaces said first information page.
27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to display said second information page include instructions designed to enable the apparatus to display said second information page complementary to said first information page.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said second information page comprises the ~~abstracted~~ additional locators and/or the additional information.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to provide said information browsing assistance include instructions designed to enable the apparatus to modify one or more environment attributes of a browsing environment within which said executable instructions designed to determine whether to provide information browsing assistance and conditionally provide said information browsing assistance are performed.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein said one or more environment attributes comprise one or more of a display resolution attribute, a color resolution attribute, a font selection attribute, a media player preference attribute, an add-on selection attribute, and a plug-in selection attribute.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said executable instructions are further designed to enable the apparatus to receive a request to retrieve and display said first information page, said request including said locator.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein said executable instructions are designed to implement a browser helper including at least a monitor function and an analyzer function, with the monitor function of the browser helper being designed to receive a notification of said receipt, and in response, notifying said analyzer function of receipt of said notification, said executable instructions designed to enable the apparatus to implement an analyzer function includes the instructions designed to enable the apparatus to determine whether to provide information browsing assistance and the instructions designed to enable the apparatus to conditionally provide information browsing assistance .

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said executable instructions are designed to enable the apparatus to implement said monitor function as an extension of a browser, and said analyzer function as an external function to said browser.

34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the apparatus is a selected one of a wireless telephone, a palm sized personal digital assistant, a notebook computer, a desktop computer, and a set top box.

35. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request from a client system for executable instructions designed to enable the client system to conditionally provide information browsing assistance, based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed, said providing further based on an analysis of the content for a locator pattern of the locator of the first information page to determine whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies content of the first information page, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information, the analyzing including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns; and
in response, providing said client system with said requested executable instructions.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said locator is a uniform resource locator (URL).

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said executable instructions are designed to perform a selected one of (a) enabling the client system to determine whether the pre-specified locator pattern is met, and (b) enabling the client system to provide said locator to a server system for the server system to determine for said client system whether the pre-specified locator pattern is met.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said server system is the same server system performing said receiving and said responsive providing.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein
said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) and said pre-specified locator pattern is a pre-specified URL pattern; and
said executable instructions are designed to perform a selected one of (a) to enable the client system to determine whether said URL satisfies the pre-specified URL pattern, and (b) to enable the client system to provide said URL to a server system for the server system to determine for said client system whether the pre-specified locator pattern is met.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein
said pre-specified URL pattern comprises a URL pattern abstracting a plurality of URLs of the plurality of locations having content that amplifies the information of the first information page; and
either (a) said executable instructions are designed to enable the client system to match said URL against a plurality of URL patterns, or (b) the method further comprises a server system matching said URL against a plurality of URL patterns for said client system.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein
each URL pattern comprises a plurality of portions correspondingly stored in a plurality of nodes of a tree data structure, with the plurality of nodes having a child leaf node specifying information browsing assistance to be provided; and
either (a) said executable instructions are designed to enable the client system to perform said matching by traversing said tree data structure, or (b) the method further comprises a server system performing said matching by traversing said tree data structure for said client system.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein either (a) said executable instructions are designed to enable the client system to provide said information browsing

assistance by displaying a second information page, or (b) the method further comprises a server system providing said information browsing assistance to said client system by causing a second information page to be displayed on said client system.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein said second information page is displayed in a manner that effectively replaces said first information page.

44. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein said second information page is additionally displayed in a manner that is complementary to said first information page.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein said second information page comprises the ~~abstracted~~ additional locators and/or the additional information.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein either (a) said executable instructions are designed to enable the client system to provide said information browsing assistance by modifying one or more environment attributes of the browsing environment of said client system, or (b) the method further comprises a server system providing said information browsing assistance to said client system by modifying an environment attribute of the browsing environment of said client system.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said one or more environment attributes comprise one or more of a display resolution attribute, a color resolution attribute, a font selection attribute, a media player preference attribute, an add-on selection attribute, and a plug-in selection attribute.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said executable instructions are designed to implement a browser helper including at least a monitor function, designed to receive a notification of a receipt of a request for said first information page, and in response, notifying an analyzer function of receipt of said notification.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein either (a) said browser helper further includes said analyzer function to perform said conditional provision of information browsing assistance, in response to receipt of said notification, or (b) the method further includes a server having said analyzer function to perform said conditional provision of information browsing assistance for said client system, in response to receipt of said notification from said client system.

50. (Currently Amended) A server system comprising:
storage medium having stored therein

first executable instructions designed to enable a client system to conditionally provide information browsing assistance based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed, said provide further based on an analysis of ~~the content~~ a pattern of the locator of the first information page to determine whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies content of the first information page, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information, the analysis including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns, and

second executable instructions designed to provide the client system with said first executable instructions in response to a request by the client system for said first executable instructions; and

at least one processor coupled to the storage medium to execute said second executable instructions.

51. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50, wherein said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

52. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50, wherein
said first executable instructions are designed to (a) enable the client system to determine whether the pre-specified locator pattern is met, or (b) request that the server system determine for said client system whether the pre-specified locator pattern is met.

53. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50, wherein
said locator comprises a uniform resource locator (URL), and said pre-specified locator pattern is a pre-specified URL pattern.

54. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 53, wherein
said pre-specified URL pattern abstracts a plurality of URLs of the plurality of additional locations having the additional complementary or related information that amplifies the content of the first information page; and
said first executable instructions are designed to enable the client system to match said URL against a plurality of URL patterns or request that the server system match said URL against the plurality of URL patterns.

55. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 54, wherein
each URL pattern comprises a plurality of portions correspondingly stored in a plurality of nodes of a tree data structure, with the plurality of nodes having a child leaf node specifying information browsing assistance to be provided; and
said first executable instructions designed to enable the client system to match said URL against the plurality of URL patterns include instructions designed to enable the client system to traverse the tree data structure.

56. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50, wherein

said first executable instructions designed to enable the client system to provide said information browsing assistance include instructions designed to enable the client system to display a second information page.

57. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 56, wherein said instructions designed to enable the client system to display a second information page include instructions designed to enable the client system to display said second information page in a manner that effectively replaces said first information page.

58. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 56, wherein said instructions designed to enable the client system to display a second information page include instructions designed to enable the client system to additionally display said second page in a manner that is complementary to said first information page.

59. (Currently Amended) The server system of claim 56, wherein said second information page comprises the ~~abstracted~~ additional locators and/or the additional information.

60. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50, wherein said first executable instructions designed to (a) enable the client system to provide said information browsing assistance include instructions designed to enable the client system to modify at least an environment attribute of the browsing environment of said client system or (b) request that the server system provide said information browsing assistance to said client system include instructions designed to enable the client system to modify at least the environment attribute of the browsing environment of said client system.

61. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 60, wherein each of said environment attribute comprises one or more of a display resolution attribute, a color resolution attribute, a font selection attribute, a media player preference attribute, an add-on selection attribute, and a plug-in selection attribute.

62. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 50 wherein said first executable instructions are designed to implement a browser helper including at least a monitor function designed to receive a notification of a receipt of a request for said first information page, and in response, notifying an analyzer function of receipt of said notification.

63. (Original) The server system of claim 62, wherein said browser helper further includes said analyzer function to perform said conditional provision of information browsing assistance, in response to receipt of said notification.

64. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer readable storage device; and
a plurality of executable instruction stored in the computer readable storage device, and designed to enable a client system to conditionally provide information browsing assistance to itself based at least in part on content of a locator of an information page requested to be retrieved and displayed on the client system, said provide further based on an analysis of the content for a pattern of the locator of the information page to determine whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies information of the information page, the analysis including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information.

65. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage device comprising:
a computer readable storage medium; and
at least a first or a second plurality of executable instructions stored in the computer readable storage medium,
the first executable instructions designed to enable a first server system to provide a first client system with third executable instructions in response to a request by the first client system for said third executable instructions, the third executable instructions designed to

enable the first client system to conditionally provide information browsing assistance to itself based at least in part on content of a first locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed on the first client system, said provide further based on an analysis of the content ~~for a locator pattern of the first locator of the first information page to~~ determine whether the first locator satisfies a first pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a first plurality of additional locators of a first plurality of additional locations having first additional complementary or related information that amplifies information of the first information page, the analysis including comparing the locator pattern of the first locator against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the first additional complementary or related information, and the second executable instructions designed to enable the first or a second server system to conditionally provide information browsing assistance to a second client system based at least in part on content of a second locator of the second information page requested to be retrieved and displayed for said second client system, said provide further based on an analysis of ~~the content a pattern~~ of the second locator of the second information page to determine whether the second locator satisfies a second pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a second plurality of additional locators of a second plurality of additional locations having second additional complementary or related information that amplifies information of the second information page, the analysis including comparing the locator pattern of the second locator against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the second additional complementary or related information.

66. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for determining based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed on a client system, whether to provide information browsing assistance for the first information page, said determining including analyzing ~~the content a pattern~~ of the locator of the first information page to determine whether the locator satisfies a pre-specified locator pattern corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional

complementary or related information that amplifies content of the first information page, the analyzing including comparing the locator pattern against a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns; and

means for conditionally providing said information browsing assistance based at least in part on said determination, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information.

67. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

inputting a plurality of pre-specified locator patterns corresponding to a plurality of additional locators of a plurality of additional locations having additional complementary or related information that amplifies content of a first information page; and

initiating a system that performs the operations of

determining based at least in part on content of a locator of a first information page requested to be retrieved and displayed, whether to provide information browsing assistance for the first information page, said determining including analyzing the content for a pattern of the locator of the first information page to determine whether the locator satisfies at least one of the plurality of pre-specified locator patterns, the analyzing including comparing the locator pattern against the plurality of pre-specified locator patterns; and

conditionally providing said information browsing assistance based at least in part on said determination, the information browsing assistance including all or a portion of the additional complementary or related information.